EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Barbed Wire and Barbless Wire Strand from Argentina, Inv. No. 731-TA-208 (Second Review)

On July 6, 2004, the Commission¹ determined that it should proceed to an expedited review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

The Commission received a joint response from U.S. producers Davis Wire Corp., Keystone Steel & Wire Co., and Oklahoma Steel & Wire Co., Inc. The Commission determined that the responses were individually adequate. The Commission also determined that the response represented an adequate domestic interested party group responses because the three producers account for a significant share of domestic production of the like product.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. The Commission therefore determined to conduct an expedited review. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (http://www.usitc.gov).

¹ Commissioners Charlotte R. Lane and Daniel R. Pearson dissenting.